



Charleston Air Force Base, SC
Update for December 03
10th Anniversary 2004

Flight 315 Bulletin...news of our heroes, 315th Airlift Wing Alumni Association



9 Nov – **Veterans Parade:** We had a great time with our military friends on the alumni float and enjoyed a wonderful meal at the VA Hospital afterwards furnished by Outback Steak House. We enjoyed grilled chicken or large round steak with trimmings, large grandma cookie, potato chips, delicious cake and drinks of choice. Be sure and put this on your list for next year. It was a nice event to see the community recognize the military troops/present and past. It was a great honor to be there with our comrades who serve this nation and are still dieing every day for their country. The people made us feel appreciated. It was a tear/proud moment for all of us to be honored with the parade. I enjoyed the parade with you tremendously. Colonel Jim Shumard, 315 MSS/CBPO, Sgt John Martin, 51 APS, SMS Jim & Brenda McDonald, 300/701 AS, SMS Don Funk's granddaughter Laura, 315 AMXS and SMS Ray Ardis, 31 AES - Thanks for a job well done by the entire 315th Airlift Wing!



*The Commander, 323rd Airlift Wing
Colonel Gary L. Cook
requests the pleasure of your company
at a retirement ceremony honoring
Lieutenant Colonel Christopher B. King
Sunday, the seventh of December
at 1000 hours
Warfare Park
Charleston AFB, South Carolina*

*Reply By December 5, 2003
(603) 963-7235*

*Military Uniform of the Day
Civilian Charleston Casual*

Reception Immediately Following

Public Affairs Officer Retires

Lt. Colonel Christopher B. King retirement ceremony ...members are invited to attend his Flag Pole Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, 7 December 2003 at 1000 hours. ***Please join us December 7th to help Lt Col Chris King celebrate over 30 years of faithful service to our country.*** A drop-in on Saturday, December 6, 2003 from 7 to 10 pm. at The Links at Stono Ferry, 5365 Forest Oaks Drive, Hollywood, SC (RSVP 843.963.2035 or 1-800-628-1141 then 3-2035 for drop-in)

Chaplain Painter is available for alumni members. Please feel free to contact him. His home phone: 843-556-1316 - Work phone: 843-789-7235 Base work phone: 963-3653 email: John.Painter@charleston.af.mil or John.Painter@med.va.gov

20 Oct – **A hero taking time to give back...** associate member, MS Connie Danbury, 701 AS involved with **Day of Caring**. Volunteers gave their time to paint, landscape, repair homes and mentor children. "My volunteerism allowed me to show support for all who unselfishly contribute to the needs of our own", she said. Thanks Connie for a job well done!

26 Oct – Wow!! It was a nice opportunity to fly to the West Coast and Hawaii/Vietnam Space A, with a C-17 Charleston crew. We left Sunday, October 19th at 1400 hours and return Saturday, October 25th at 7 pm. It was an outstanding trip with four wonderful days in Hawaii. The alumni crew enjoyed the fabulous sites around the island, went to a real Hawaii Luau, and most of all enjoyed great fellowship with military friends. There were nine alumni members onboard, three were actual crew and six retirees. It was fantastic! The crew treated us well! We were picked up on the return out of Vietnam. We did not have necessary passports/paper for Vietnam. Alumni on the flight were Col Chris King/PA, Col Ronald Billmyer/Spt.Gp/CC, Cpt Bill Walsh/PA, Chief Bill Hamilton/317 AS/LM, Chief Cliff Cobb/707 AS/LM, SMS Ray Ardis/31 AES, MSgt Bill Murton/315 AW/PA and MSgt Jim McDonald, 300/701 AS and his spouse Brenda. This was Colonel Chris King last flight before retirement. **Yes, we did the ice water dowsing tradition and the salute march in his honor.**

Oct 25 – I retired as the Senior FAA Representative to Latin America then became an International Aviation Consultant that works mostly in that same area. I'm also a part time farmer in Lexington, KY. On the farm in KY we raise tobacco on part of the farm and lease the rest for cattle grazing. My wonderful wife Kay and I enjoy RV-ing... Just visited Branson, MO, by way of Texas, OK, etc., what an entertaining place. I recommend it to all. Regards to my friends.
MS Victor H. Tamariz, 707 AS alumnus

29 Oct – Keep up the good work, a valuable service. Just went through 777 Captain School w/ Bobby Foster and Dan Braun who sat in on my oral exam for the FAA. LTC Alan W. Price, 707AS

Welcome Aboard Flight 315!... New Members:

Major Chalmers A. Cloud, 8th MAS alumnus, 1127 Kings Cross, Brunswick, GA 31525
MS Sandra L. Dent, 315 AW/AGS/MSS, active associate, 225 Smythe Dr., Summerville, SC 29485
MS Merlin J. Sanders, 701 AS alumnus, 3000 N 7th St., McAlester, OK 74501

Downed Crews... Last known address: help locate them, send us new address/email if you know whereabouts.

Colonel Paula S. Carrick-Timm, 31 AES/Flt Nurse alumna, 104 Martins Ck Landing, Seneca, SC 29678

Help find them! Mbrs Lost Contact.

Search the net, old records and quiz friends of their whereabouts. Due to your help some are being rescued by faithful crewmembers. Thank you.

RayArdis@tri-countyelectric.net
Secretary

Colonel James P. Furlong, 315 AW, 1871 Wall St., Memphis, TN 38134
Colonel Douglas Boyd, 315 AW...1016 Elmdale Rd., Paducah, KY 42003
TSgt. Cynthia Whitehead, 315 MSS, 467-C Crab Apple Ct., Orange Pk, FL 32073
Lt. Glenda L. McMichael-Gibson, 315 AES, 119 Westpointe Ct., Lexington, SC 29073
SS Lisa (Giacomelli) Zito, 31 AES alumna, 1405 N L St., Lake Worth, FL 33460
Major Willis L. Jones, 8th MAS alumnus, 208 Oak Lane, Cayce, SC 29033
TS John E. Nickens, 315 MSS/SCR, active, P O Bx 25324, Greenville, SC 29616
MS Kim Loque, 13803 Braddock Springs Rd., Centerville, VA 20121

28 Oct - Please take a moment today to write down my new address and add it to your email address book. I don't want to miss any of your messages! Sincerely, TS Wallton D. McMillan, 300 AS/LM

28 Oct - Just wanted to say that I too enjoy the bulletins and appreciate all the hard work that I know goes into the information gathering, publication and dissemination. My schedule keeps me from attending many functions but my heart is still attached to the reserve function. When's the next golfing outing??? Thanks, Dr Marty S. Davis, 315 AW/BTW alumna

29 Oct - Just wanted to tell you what a great News Bulletin you put out! We have completed our first year at Altus as the Maintenance Directorate. We maintain 10 C-17's, 8 C-5's and 24 KC-135's. We are the largest Civil Service maintenance organization in the Air Force. We have over 100 reservists in our 860 person organization. Up to 41 of them were deployed at one time, and 23 are still deployed for the Iraqi effort. My position was recently upgrade to GS-15, so my experience at Charleston as DCM/LG from 1990-1996 stood me in good stead! Lien and I visited Charleston in April and will probably retire there when the time comes. We would love to hear from you folks from time to time. Our best to the 315th AW
Best Regards. Colonel Mike Bradley, 315 LG alumnus, Michael.Bradley@altus.af.mil

29 Oct - We really enjoy hearing all the news about people I have known through the years and about those who are following. The article about Captain Ogonowski was particularly thoughtful. Mary and I are college professors at a small Orangeburg College. We love the academic environment, but teach only part time because of our equal love for travel and the six grandchildren we have together, the reason for our travel. We decided a long time ago to purchase a motor home so we can go where we want. Key West Florida Naval Air Station is a great place for retired military to spend the winter. Sincerely, Colonel Ron Lucas, APS alumnus

1 Nov -**The Golden Coral's** menu and website was very nice and of course their gesture to the military members. I wrote to them via their company e-mail thanking them for their community involvement and caring. I'm glad the C-17 project is going well. I miss aviation and wish I was closer to participate in the project. I just put a small donation in the mail last night. Hope it helps some. I'm going back to college. The math is driving me crazy. At least I was off last night and didn't have to work with the Sheriff's Dept. MS Vinny Parlatore, 707 AS alumnus, Pembroke, FL

1 Nov - Thanks for the great update. Also, we were sorry to hear about SMS Rizer. Can't believe LTC King will be retiring...Wow!...seems just like yesterday you were out on the flight line with me...breaking me into the C-141A, and Chris was doing Gulf War exit interviews with the media and us. By the way I got my real estate license earlier this month and will be transitioning from my job here from the County in the not too distant future. I'll keep you posted. Thanks again. Major Dennis L. Clark, 31 AES/315 AMDS, Director Charleston County Emergency Preparedness Dept

10 Nov - Amen to this! **Best Bumper Sticker of the Year**; "If you can read this, thank a teacher.... If you are reading it in English, thank a soldier." My 24 year old son is a fully qualified Load Master in the Charlotte ANG unit. Col Frank Malone, 707 AS/Pit alumnus

6 Nov - I went last year. It was fantastic! **The GOLDEN CORRAL'S THIRD ANNUAL 2003 MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT OFFERS FREE THANK YOU MEAL TO NATION'S PATRIOTS Monday night November 10th, 2003 from 5-9 PM SS Dawn Williams, alumna**



12 Nov

Greetings from Baghdad, Iraq, 2 more weeks for me, I hope to be home on Thanksgiving Day! MS Rick Bennett, 315 AES

Volunteers Needed for Debi's Kids 2003

A Day to Give Back

Channel 5, WCSC TV, has again asked the 315th AW for our assistance as volunteers to help with sorting, bagging and handing-out donated toys for Debi's Kids during this Christmas season. If you can give a couple of hours it will be appreciated. You can choose to work one hour, two hours or any amount of time you can work. It is up to you how much time you can volunteer. If you are a reservist you will need to be in a non-pay status. A civilian or ART will be required to use annual leave. We think you will find this Christmas project a rewarding and meaningful experience. Volunteers, please email: Helen.Bentley@charleston.af.mil. Or Call 843-963-5628 or 963-2034. Santa needs your help to make this a successful event for the Christmas Season in our community. ***Come share the fun at the Aero Club Hanger!***

Wow! what a wonderful time of the year and a great opportunity to share in "Debi's Kids"
*Can we count on you? **Contact Helen Bentley or Ray Ardis alumni association***

Friday, Dec 12th

- v Unloading of Wal-Mart truck 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- v Sort toys as truck is unloaded
- v Bag toys for Head Start Centers first

Saturday, Dec 13th

- v Unloading of Wal-Mart truck 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- v Sort and bag toys – Complete bags for Head Start Centers first.

Sunday, Dec 14th

OFF DAY

Monday, Dec 15th

- v Toys picked up by Head Start Centers 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- v Complete bagging of toys for Tuesday's pickup 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec 16th

- v Toys picked up by other agencies 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- v Complete bag of toys for Wednesday's pickups 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec 17th

- v Toys picked up by Trident United Way 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- v Pick up by Charleston County Human Services 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- v Complete bags for Thursday's pickup 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Dec 18th

- v Toys picked up by DSS 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- v Complete bags for Friday's pickup 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, Dec 19th
- v Toys picked up by Charleston County DSS 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- v Clean up Aero Club when we are finished. Floor has to be swept, trash picked up, and empty boxes have to be taken away.

Call and let us know when you can help... Thanks for your wonderful support.

Mini Model C-17 Contributions... We are grateful for the outpouring of interest in the project and really appreciate your gift/check. Your kindness, show military men and women are more than willing to help there own. Thank you so much for caring that the military remains strong and committed through projects of this kind. ***We welcome your gift if you have not made one.***

Contributors to date: Col. Luis Vazquez, SMS Gene Hancock, SMS Ray Ardis, MS Dannie Bacot, Col. Alec Sawyer, MS James Stock, MS Tom Hughes, SMS Evelyn Irwin, Col. Linda Zemke, MS Vincent Parlatore, SMS Bill Burgess, MS Tracy Childers and Col. Andy Savage. Total \$420.00

THE AF NEWS ON THE PUBLIC SITE IS CARRYING THE MINI NATIONALLY. Building a replica of an aircraft as large as a C-17 is not easy, according to John Monical, TSgt, USAFR (ART) Project Manager but military volunteers are doing it. We appreciate your support.

The smaller C-17 will be as close to an exact reproduction of the real C-17 as possible but will have some modifications to enhance its recruiting capability. When completed, the replica will be 32 feet long, 13 feet tall and have a wingspan of more than 25 feet. The base of this C-17 is a multipurpose vehicle, which will allow it to be mobile.

The replica will be used as a recruiting tool at air shows, schools, parades and other community events. "We're going to have a flat-screen monitor on the inside that will play recruiting videos," Petersen said. "There will also be a stereo with a speaker in each engine that will sound exactly like a real C-17 start-up. The flight deck is also designed to look like the real thing."

The idea for the project came from Michael Petersen, 437th AW civilian equal employment opportunity manager, after reading about a miniature C-130 Hercules that had been built at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss...the overall project will end up costing about \$20,000. The 315th AW recruiting office purchased the multipurpose vehicle and the first round of paint. Alumni from the 315th AW have contributed as well. "There are more than 800 alumni of the 315th who have continued to be avid supporters of this project," Petersen said.

"People are just in awe when they see the model C-17," Monical said. "We're going to give people something to see and touch something that is truly Air Force."

The project is on schedule and under the \$20,000.00 estimated cost however, ***funds are still needed.*** If

you would like to make a contribution...send your check to the 315th Airlift Wing Alumni Association marked for the Mini C-17. We are grateful to those who have contributed and appreciate your gift now.

Name: _____ \$ _____ my gift is enclosed. Mail to: 315 AW Alumni Assoc., 218 N. Bates St., CAFB, SC 29404 Thank you so much for caring and supporting our military volunteers with the Mini Model C-17 project.

MEETING NOTICE... of the 315th Airlift Wing Alumni Association

When: Wednesday – 7 January 04...door prizes awarded

Where: Charleston Club – AFB – Time: 1100 hrs...lunch free for members.

Luncheon Meeting sponsored by Heritage Trust Federal Credit Union. Lunch is free, complement of Heritage Trust for Alumni, Associate and Honorary Commander members. Spouse & guest \$5.50 at sign-in table, please sign in to receive meal ticket. Membership applications are available for those who wish to join the association. The itinerary is an update by Heritage Trust personnel, followed by the alumni business session. Plan to attend.

Information you can use...for military/Active & Retired

Flu Shots –for retirees should be available at the Immunization Center on CAFB during the month of November...Call 963.6714

Good News.....Commissary will be open seven days a week. The new hours are: Monday thru Wednesday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 am – 7:00 pm, Friday 10:00 am 6:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am – 6:00 pm & Sunday 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Headquarters 437th Airlift Wing, Department of the Air Force, Retiree Activities Program is pleased to announce that Retiree Activities Program AF Military Challenge Coins are now available worldwide at **AAFES Clothing Sales Stores for \$6.00**. Be ready for the Challenge!!!

No matter how well trained and vigilant, law enforcement officials simply cannot be everywhere. Your eyes and ears can be of enormous help in preventing terrorism. To enlist your help in preventing terrorism, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations created and manages the "Eagle Eyes" Program. WATCH for suspicious behavior; REPORT what you see; PROTECT by observation and action. Call 24 hours a day 843.963.3600.

AFSA Meeting: MSgt Ray Cordero, 14th AS "Pelicans" First Sergeant DSN: 673-2137(843) 963-2137 writes: I am the secretary for local Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 306. I wanted to make sure our enlisted retirees and their dependents are aware of AFSA's ongoing commitment to them. One way we do this is by making sure all members know about our monthly meeting every second Tuesday of the month. We meet at the Charleston AFB Club at 1100. Please forward this information to them if at all possible.

Bring in your Coupons...Wrenwood Golf Course now honors all coupons from area golf courses for cart and green fees. Bring your coupons and check out the **new greens**.



Happy Holidays! Chief George Shread, President

The Tri-Command Retired Activities Office will conduct an end of year military retiree, spouse and widow/widower mini-seminar from 2 to 4 p.m. Dec. 5 at the U. S. Naval Hospital's Auditorium, Beaufort S.C. All services are invited. Topics will be Concurrent Receipt, Combat Related Special Compensation, changes in widow/widower benefits, an update from the Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council and the Beaufort County Military Enhancement Committee (MEC). Speakers for this "end of year wrap-up" will include retired Marine Col. Wes Jarmulowicz, MEC chairman; retired Marine Col. Roxanne Cheney, Secretary of the Navy Retiree Council; retired Marine Capt. Steve Illes, Legislative Liaison, Military Officers Association of America, Low-Country Chapter. For more information call 843-228-7351.